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## Sorghum for Grain – 1999 Crop

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**Baca County** maintained its long standing position as the largest sorghum producing area in Colorado by producing 3,745,000 bushels of grain sorghum in 1999. The latest crop was 26 percent below the 1998 output of 5,090,000 bushels but still accounted for 43 percent of the state's total production of 8,610,000 bushels. Baca County's 1998 crop represented 48 percent of the state's total crop of 10,545,000 bushels. The 95,000 acres harvested in 1999 was 5,500 acres (6 percent) above the 89,500 acres harvested in 1998. The average yield of 39.5 bushels per acre for the 1999 crop was 17.5 bushels per acre below the 57.0 bushel average realized from the 1998 crop.

**Kiowa County** remained a distant second in grain sorghum production by producing 1,703,000 bushels in 1999. The latest crop was 26 percent smaller than the 2,290,000 bushel crop produced in 1998. The 37,000 acres harvested in 1999 was 500 acres above the previous year. The average yield of 46.0 bushels per acre for the 1999 crop was 16.5 bushels below the 1998 average of 62.5 bushels.

**Prowers County** kept its third place ranking in 1999 with a total crop of 1,240,000 bushels of grain sorghum. The 1999 crop was 31 percent larger than the 1998 crop of 945,000 bushels. Producers harvested 23,000 acres in 1999 compared with 13,000 acres harvested the previous year. However, the average yield of 54.0 bushels per acre was 18.5 bushels below the 1998 average of 72.5 bushels per acre which partially offset the increased acreage.

**Cheyenne County** maintained a fourth place ranking in 1999 by producing 481,000 bushels. The latest crop was 11 percent smaller than the 1998 crop of 540,000 bushels. Producers harvested 12,000 acres in 1999 compared with 10,000 acres the previous year. The average yield for the 1999 crop was 40.0 bushels per acre compared with 54.0 bushels per acre for the 1998 crop.

**Adams County** kept its place as the fifth largest grain sorghum producing county in the state with a total output of 319,000 bushels of grain sorghum in 1999. The latest crop was 13 percent smaller than the 1998 output of 366,000 bushels. Producers harvested 9,800 acres in 1999 compared with just 9,000 acres the previous year. However, the 1999 average yield of 32.5 bushels per acre was 8.0 bushels below the 1998 average of 40.5 bushels per acre.

The **top five producing counties** produced 87 percent of the state's total grain sorghum crop of 8,610,000 bushels in 1999 compared with 88 percent of the total output of 10,545,000 bushels for the 1998 crop. The next five largest producing counties added an additional 677,000 bushels, bringing the total output from the top ten counties to 8,165,000 bushels and representing 95 percent of the state total. Producers harvested 205,000 acres of sorghum for grain in 1999, up 20,000 acres from a year earlier. However, the state's average yield of 42.0 bushels per acre was 15.0 bushels below the 1998 average of 57.0 bushels per acre.

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Sorghum for Grain: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 1999										
County and District	Acreage planted <u>1/</u>	Irrigated			Non-Irrigated			Total		
		Acreage har- vested	Yield per acre	Pro- duc- tion	Acreage har- vested	Yield per acre	Pro- duc- tion	Acreage har- vested	Yield per acre	Pro- duc- tion
	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.
Chaffee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clear Creek ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eagle .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gilpin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gunnison ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jackson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moffat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Park .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pitkin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rio Blanco ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Routt .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Summit .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Teller .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NW & Mountain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boulder .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jefferson ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larimer .....	200	...	...	...	200	30.0	6,000	200	30.0	6,000
Logan .....	2,000	100	40.0	4,000	800	41.5	33,000	900	41.0	37,000
Morgan .....	5,400	200	40.0	8,000	3,200	32.0	102,000	3,400	32.5	110,000
Sedgwick ....	500	100	40.0	4,000	200	30.0	6,000	300	33.5	10,000
Weld .....	4,900	400	42.5	17,000	1,800	41.5	75,000	2,200	42.0	92,000
Northeast	13,000	800	41.5	33,000	6,200	36.0	222,000	7,000	36.5	255,000
Adams .....	10,000	1,000	54.0	54,000	8,800	30.0	265,000	9,800	32.5	319,000
Arapahoe ...	2,500	...	...	...	2,000	40.0	80,000	2,000	40.0	80,000
Cheyenne ...	16,200	1,500	54.0	81,000	10,500	38.0	400,000	12,000	40.0	481,000
Denver .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Douglas .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elbert .....	300	...	...	...	200	30.0	6,000	200	30.0	6,000
El Paso .....	1,600	300	50.0	15,000	1,300	34.5	45,000	1,600	37.5	60,000
Kiowa .....	38,500	2,000	46.5	93,000	35,000	46.0	1,610,000	37,000	46.0	1,703,000
Kit Carson ...	2,100	100	60.0	6,000	500	38.0	19,000	600	41.5	25,000
Lincoln .....	9,200	200	50.0	10,000	6,600	32.0	210,000	6,800	32.5	220,000
Phillips .....	1,500	...	...	...	1,500	52.0	78,000	1,500	52.0	78,000
Washington .	2,700	...	...	...	1,600	34.5	55,000	1,600	34.5	55,000
Yuma .....	1,400	100	60.0	6,000	800	40.0	32,000	900	42.0	38,000
East Central	86,000	5,200	51.0	265,000	68,800	40.5	2,800,000	74,000	41.5	3,065,000
Archuleta ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Delta .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dolores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Garfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hinsdale ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
La Plata .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mesa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montezuma ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montrose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ouray .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
San Juan ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
San Miguel ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Southwest	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alamosa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conejos .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Costilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mineral .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rio Grande ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saguache ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
San Luis Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baca .....	97,700	10,000	69.0	690,000	85,000	36.0	3,055,000	95,000	39.5	3,745,000
Bent .....	3,300	2,000	87.5	175,000	...	...	...	2,000	87.5	175,000
Crowley .....	2,800	...	...	...	2,500	30.0	75,000	2,500	30.0	75,000
Custer .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fremont .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huerfano ....	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Las Animas ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Otero .....	900	...	...	...	500	30.0	15,000	500	30.0	15,000
Prowers .....	24,800	2,800	89.5	250,000	20,200	49.0	990,000	23,000	54.0	1,240,000
Pueblo .....	1,200	200	75.0	15,000	800	31.5	25,000	1,000	40.0	40,000
Southeast	131,000	15,000	75.5	1,130,000	109,000	38.0	4,160,000	124,000	42.5	5,290,000
State Total	230,000	21,000	68.0	1,428,000	184,000	39.0	7,182,000	205,000	42.0	8,610,000

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